LICENSES: 50 couples plan to wed

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"We could be denied access to each other in a health crisis," Volz said.

The two have been together four years and have lived in Colorado Springs about a year. They are raising Volz's daughter, Lindsey.

U.S. Rep. Marilyn Musgrave, R-Fort Morgan, became a key player in the national debate about same-sex marriage when she proposed an amendment to the U.S. Constitution defining marriage to exclude same-sex couples.

Another demonstration as part of the Pride Fest Parade is aimed at responding to Musgrave's proposal.

COMMITMENT: Frank Volz and Brian Lund consider themselves married and will apply for a marriage license July 16.

plan to participate in a symbolic wedding at 10:30 a.m. July 18 in Acacia Park downtown.

Ministers from the Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church will perform the ceremony, said

part have been together more than 20 years, she said.

"It's important that we celebrate the relationships in our community," Rost said.

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For Hisey, run is 25 years in making

By PERRY SWANSON
THE GAZETTE

The election of a county commissioner to represent southwest El Paso County might be the end of a 25-year wait for candidate Dennis Hisey.

Hisey said he has wanted to run for county commissioner for the past quarter-century, even before he moved to Colorado in 1983. He ran for the District 4 seat in 1996, but incumbent Jeri Howells easily beat him.

"Since that time, I have been preparing to be county commissioner," Hisey said.

With Howells leaving office in January because of term limits, Hisey has his chance. He is one of two Republican candidates running for the seat.

Hisey's preparation for the office has involved a lot of hard work for no pay. He has been active in the El Paso County Republican Club, served as president of the Fountain Valley Republican Club and attended meetings on topics such as transportation and the Health Department.

Hisey was appointed in 2000 to the El Paso County Planning Commission, which advises the Board of County Commissioners on land use.

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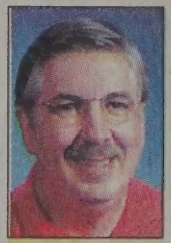

Age: 50

Education: Attended Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla., and Oregon State University

Employment: Owner of a home repair and remodel franchise, Handyman Express

Civic involvement: Member of the El Paso County Planning Commission since 2000, served on a citizens committee concerning water contamination from the Schlage Lock plant in Widefield, active member of several Republican clubs, the Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition and Restoration Church in Fountain

Family: Married, five children

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Local same-sex couples will apply to marry

Move comes before symbolic nuptials, pride events

By PERRY SWANSON
THE GAZETTE

Several gay and lesbian couples plan to apply for marriage licenses July 16 to draw attention to Colorado's legal prohibition of same-sex marriages.

That will come two days before 50 same-sex couples have a symbolic ceremony in Acacia Park in downtown Colorado Springs.

The couples know they'll be turned down for licenses, but they want to make a point, said Frank Volz, who plans to apply for a license with his partner, Brian Lund.

"I'm hoping that people will put a face to us and realize we're not freaks, we're not monsters trying to disrupt anyone else's life," Volz said.

The Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center is organizing the demonstration, which will happen two days before the center's annual Pride Fest Parade.

Ryan Acker, the center director, said his group will issue licenses even if the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder's Office will not issue any recognized by law.

The gay-marriage debate has intensified this year.

San Francisco briefly issued marriage licenses to same-sex couples in the spring.

Massachusetts became the first state to legalize same-sex marriage in May after a ruling by the state's Supreme Court.

Other states are considering similar measures. Colorado law says marriages are legally valid only if they are "between one man and one woman."

Clerk and Recorder Bob Balink said he doesn't recall a same-sex couple applying for a marriage license, but his staff is trained to deal with the question.

"We will, in a very courteous manner, pass them a copy of the Colorado statute which prohibits us issuing a license to them," Balink said.

Volz and Lund said a legally recognized marriage is important because of the rights married couples have. Both men have long-term illnesses and worry one might be turned away if the other is hospitalized.

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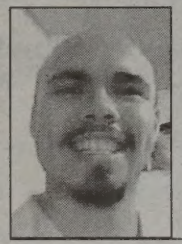
He wrote the book

Pueblo native contributes to volume on Hispanic culture

By LISA MARTÍNEZ
THE GAZETTE

Since he was 11 years old, Jimmy Newmoon Roybal has performed a dance that dates back centuries in Mexico.

His baile folklórico moves have taken him to numerous festivals. The dance classes he has taught at Colorado College have gained him notoriety in the community



JIMMY NEWMOON ROYBAL: Wrote two articles for encyclopedia on Hispanic life in the United States.

and fashion.

The two-volume, 800-page en-

made significant contributions to Hispanic pop culture.

"It's a project that's long overdue," García said. "There's an ignorance about popular culture that we wanted to address."

Roybal, who has taught folklórico classes for two years at Colorado College and has directed the Ballet folklórico de Pueblo, wrote two articles for the en- [illegible] pedia. He expl[illegible]

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1,415 cars stopped at checkpoint

Authorities stopped 1,415 vehicles Friday on North Academy Boulevard at a sobriety checkpoint that resulted in a number of citations, arrests and one firearm confiscation.

Officers from Colorado Springs Police, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Fountain Police and the Colorado State Patrol participated in the stop.

Here are the statistics from the one-night checkpoint: 71 traffic citations, 81 roadside maneuver tests, 30 drunken driving arrests, one felony arrest, 14 misdemeanor arrests, one narcotics arrest, 11 citations for driving under a suspended licence and 30 citations for driving without a license.

The overtime funds for the sobriety checkpoint were paid for through the Colorado Department of Transportation's Law Enforcement Fund.

Colorado Springs police said they arrested 25